

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111
Serial No. 10/718,681

REMARKS

A total of 21 claims are now pending in the present application. The foregoing amendments are presented in response to the Office Action mailed November 27, 2007, wherefore reconsideration of this application is requested.

By way of the above-noted amendments, claim 21 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowed claim 2, which has been cancelled to avoid redundancy. Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to reflect the amendment in claim 21 and subsequent cancellation of claim 2. Clearly, no new subject matter has been introduced.

Referring now to the text of the Office Action:

- claims 21 and 22 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as unpatentable over the teaching of United States Patent Application No. 2005/0088978 (Zhang et al.); and
- claims 2-20 are allowed.

As an initial matter, Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of claims 2-20. It is believed that the rejection of claims 21 and 22 is traversed by way of the above noted amendment of claim 21. In particular, since previous claim 2 has been allowed, it is believed that the subject matter of amended claim 21 incorporating the subject matter of claim 2 is allowable. Thus it is believed that claim 21 and its dependencies are now allowable.

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In light of the foregoing, it is believed that the present invention is in good condition for allowance, and early action in that respect is courteously solicited.

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